

# Security Analysis of mixFeed

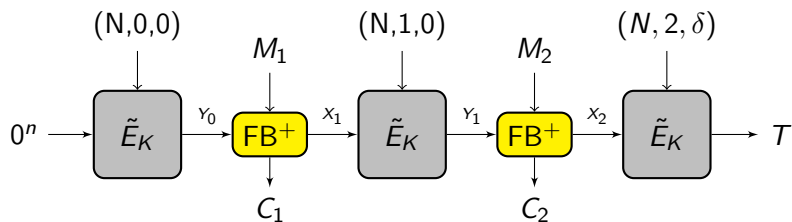
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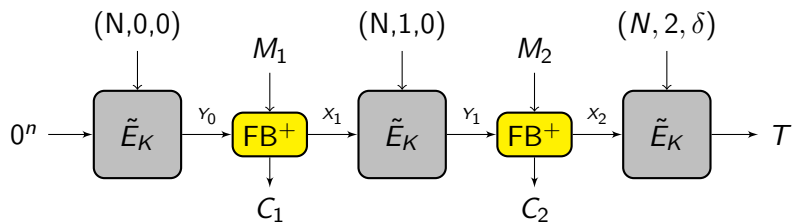
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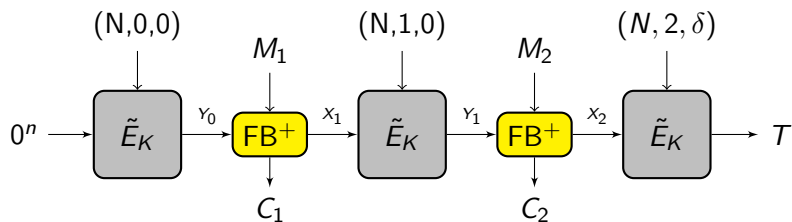
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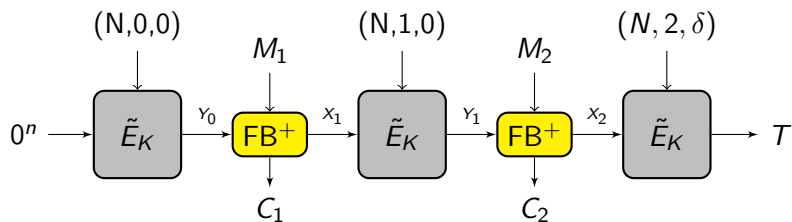
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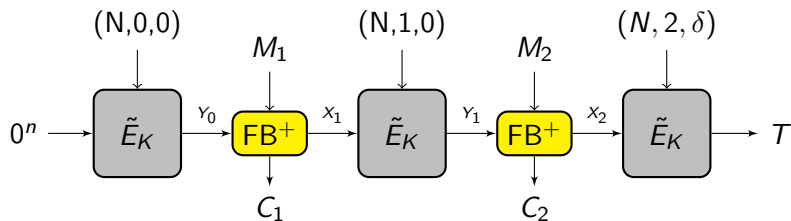
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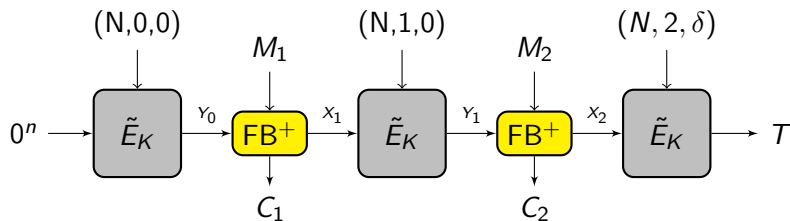
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- ▶ How small can  $\mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{TPRP}(D, T)$  be? Cannot be better than  $T/2^k$ .
- ▶ Can have weaker security while designing TBC from BC.

# TBC based on BC



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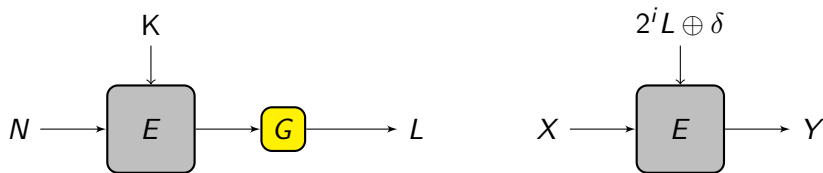


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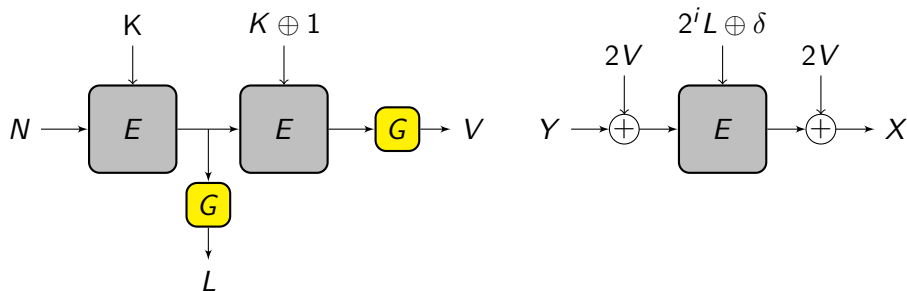


Figure: ICE2 with KDF2. (Remus-N2). Here tweak =  $(N, i, \delta)$ .

- ▶ TPRP advantage of ICE2 is  $\frac{DT}{2^{2n}}$ . Requires larger state.
- ▶ Can we have both (1) smaller state (2) higher security?

# New Reduction and New Security Game

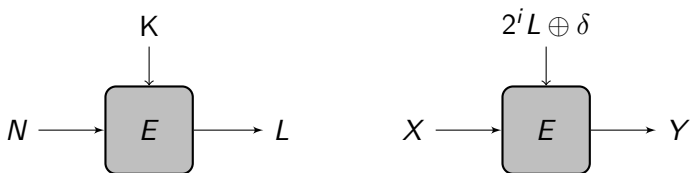


Figure: ICE1 with  $G$  as identity. (Remus-N1). Here tweak =  $(N, i, \delta)$ .

- 1 Use different reduction games considering  $\mu$ -respecting adversary (the maximum number of query to TBC with same input is at most  $\mu$ ).
- 2 TPRP advantage of such an adversary against ICE1 is  $\frac{\mu T}{2^n}$ .
- 3 Restrict  $\mu = O(n)$  and consider  $n$ -multicollision.

# mixFeed

# The mF Mode of AEAD

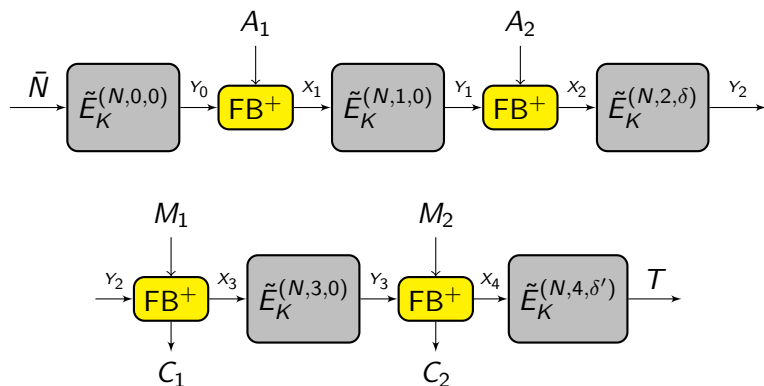
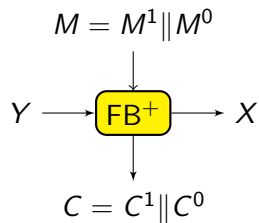


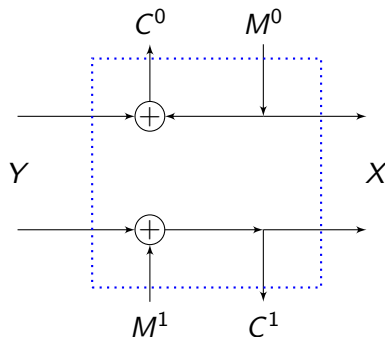
Figure: Block diagram of mF.  $\text{Fmt}_1(A) = (A_2 \| A_1)$ ,  $\text{Fmt}_2(M) = (M_2 \| M_1)$ .



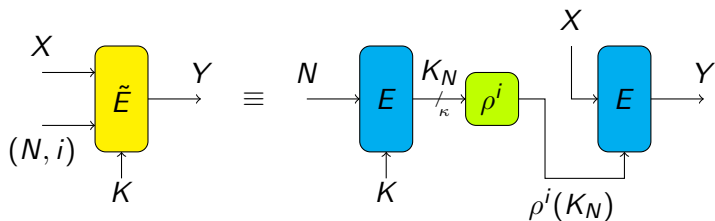
# FeedBack Function used in mF



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# The TBC in mixFeed



**Figure:** The tweakable block cipher in mixFeed. Here  $\rho$  is the 11-th round key function in AES key scheduling algorithm.

- 1 State size is just  $n + k$  (i.e. 256).
- 2 Rate is 1.

# Last Block Processing: mixFeed

- ▶ Domain Separation by Last block processing.

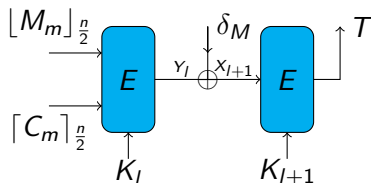


Figure: MixFeed Last block processing.

# Security Definitions of Input Restricting TPRP

▶ Tweak space  $\mathcal{T}$ .  $n$ -bit TBC  $\tilde{E}$ . Tweakable random Permutation  $\tilde{\Pi}$ .

▶  $\mu$ -TPRP:

■  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}}$ , Restriction:  $\forall X \in \{0, 1\}^n$  number of queries  $(\cdot, X) \leq \mu$

$$\text{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{\mu\text{-TPRP}}(\mathcal{A}) = \left| \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}^{\tilde{E}_K} = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}^{\tilde{\Pi}} = 1 \right] \right|$$

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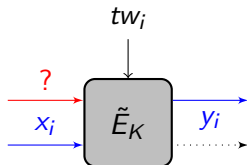
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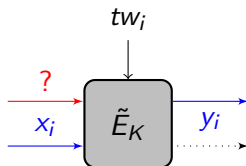
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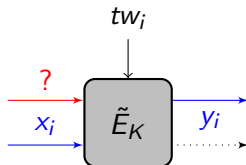
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- 4  $\mathcal{A}$  wins  $(\mu, D)$ -mcp game if  $\lfloor \tilde{E}_K(tw_j, X_j) \rfloor_{\frac{n}{2}} = y_j$ , i.e. correctly predicts,



- ▶  $\mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{(\mu, D)\text{-mcp}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ wins } (\mu, D)\text{-mcp game}]$ .

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{(\mu, D)\text{-mcp}}(T) = \max_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{(\mu, D)\text{-mcp}}(\mathcal{A})$$

Where max over all  $\mathcal{A}$  with runtime at most  $T$  (this includes the number of public primitive queries).

# $\mu$ -Multicollision Game

- ▶  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{E}_K}}$
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  - $\mathcal{A}$  makes  $\mu$  many queries  $(X_i, Y_i)_{i \in [1, \mu]}$  with  $Y_i = Y_j \forall i, j \in [1, \mu]$  among all  $D$  queries.
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Let  $P$  be the ideal  $n$  bit random permutation and  $P'$  is the  $n/2$ -bit truncated function of  $P$ .

## Theorem

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{P'}^{\mu\text{-mcoll}}(D) \leq D \left(1 + \frac{\mu^2}{2^n}\right) \left(\frac{D}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right)^{\mu-1}.$$

When  $\mu = n$ ,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{P'}^{n\text{-mcoll}}(D) = O\left(\frac{D}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right).$$

# Security Reductions of mixFeed

- ▶  $\mathcal{B}$  : privacy adversary of mF.  
 $\mathcal{A}$  :  $\mu$ -TPRP adversary of  $\tilde{E}$ .  
 $\mathcal{C}$  : multicollision adversary.

## Theorem

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{mF}^{priv}(\mathcal{B}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{\mu\text{-TPRP}}(\mathcal{A}) + \mathbf{Adv}_P^{\mu+1\text{-mcoll}}(\mathcal{C}).$$

So,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{mF}^{priv}(D, T) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{\eta\text{-TPRP}}(D, T) + O(D/2^{n/2}).$$

# Security Reductions of mixFeed : Forgery I

- ▶ For any  $(D, T)$  forging adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  of mF we have.
- ▶ (i)  $(\mu - 1, D)$ -mcp adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  and (ii)  $\mathcal{C}$  with oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{E}_K}$  where  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{E}}(tw, X, C) \rightarrow X' := C \oplus (0^{\frac{n}{2}} \parallel \lfloor \tilde{E}_K(tw, X) \rfloor_{\frac{n}{2}})$ .

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- (i)  $\mu$ -respecting TPRP
- (ii)  $(\mu, D)$ -mcp advantage and
- (iii)  $(\mu + 1)$ -multi-collision.

## Assumption

*For any  $K \in \{0, 1\}^n$  chosen uniformly at random, probability that  $K$  has a period at most  $l$  is at most  $\frac{l}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}$ .*

*For random permutation the probability is much smaller:  $\frac{l}{2^n}$ .*

## Theorem

*Under the above assumption*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{(\mu, D)\text{-mcp}}(T) = O\left(\frac{D}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nT}{2^n}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{n\text{-TPRP}}(D, T) = O\left(\frac{D}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nT}{2^n}\right).$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\tilde{E}}^{n\text{-mcoll}}(D) \leq O\left(\frac{D}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right)$$



## Theorem (Final Bound of mixFeed)

*Under Assumption 1*

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